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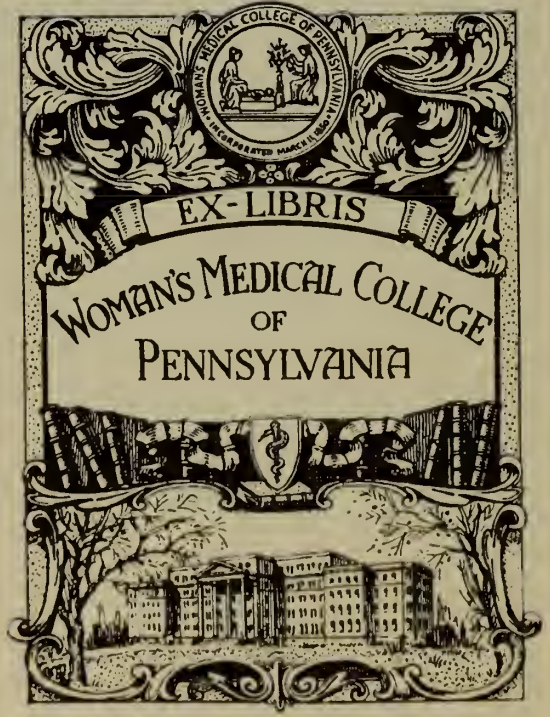

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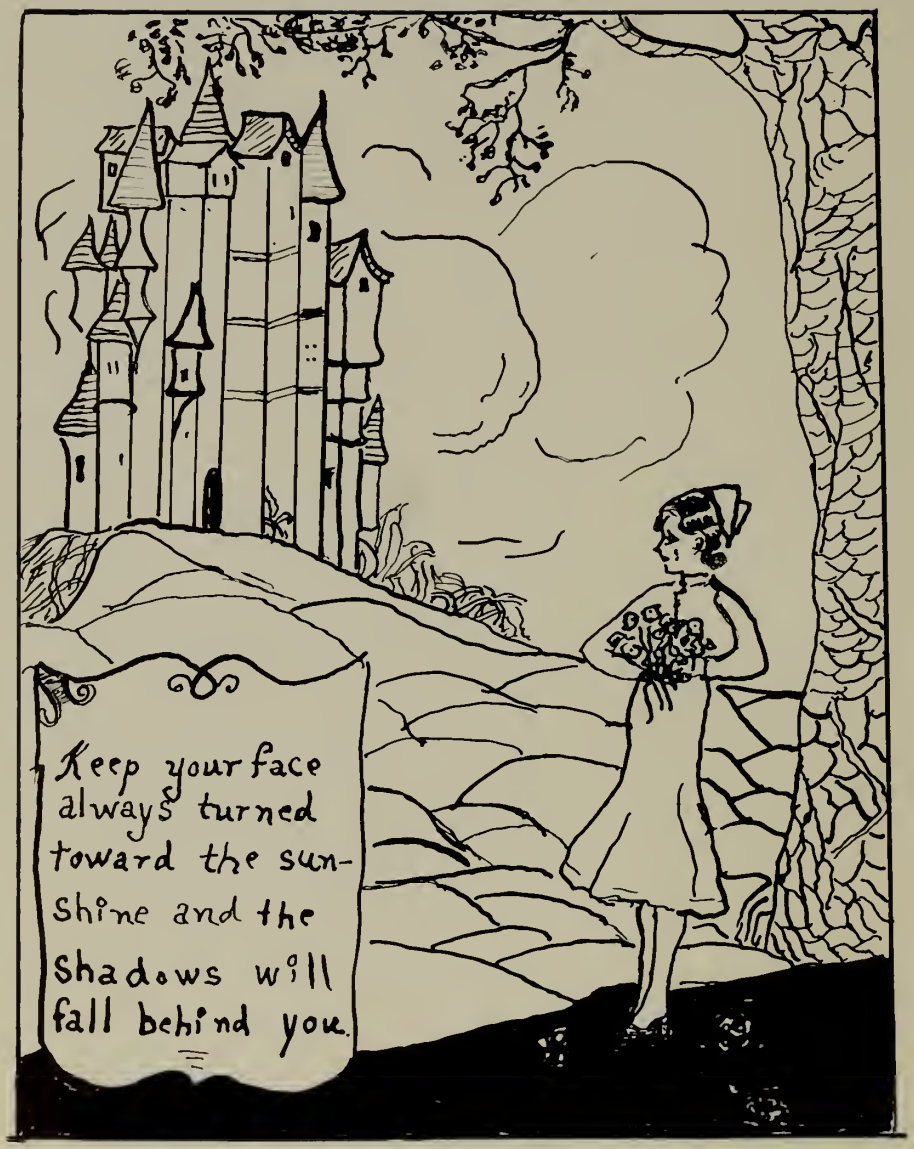
Keep your face always turned toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

"I SOLEMNLY pledge myself before God and in the presence of this Assembly to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession dutifully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievious and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the Physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

DEDICATION

MISS GERTRUDE McCORMICK, R. N.

THIS, the highest outward tribute that we are able to bestow, can only intimate the feeling we hold in our hearts for her.

In that same unselfish manner in which she has dedicated her life to the teaching of the finer principles of her profession, we, the Senior Class, respectfully and wholeheartedly dedicate our "Womecho" to her.

Gertrude McCormick, R.N.

Director of Nurses

Dear Girls:

My best wishes for happiness and success in your future work go with each and every one of you. It has been a real pleasure to be associated with such a fine group of girls.

"To thine own self be true
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou can'st not then be false to any one."

MARGARET PHINNEY, R.N.,
Class Advisor.

Margaret Phinney, R.N.

Instructor of Nurses

The highest goal of your profession is none too good for any of you. Be not satisfied with less.

Be ingenious enough to excel in at least one small field. But with achievement remember that which was said of The Sister of Mercy, Florence Nightingale: "Nothing is too small, no creature too humble to awaken her sympathy and tenderness."

Beatrice Rettinger,
Chief Resident Physician.

Beatrice Rettinger, M.D.
Chief Resident Physician

Hospital History

THE Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, the first college in the world regularly organized for the medical education of women, was incorporated March 11, 1850, as the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania. The name was changed in 1867 to the one which it now bears.

The College began its first session October 12, 1850, with 40 students and a faculty of six members, all of whom were men. The plan of instruction at the College has advanced along the recognized lines of progress in medical education. Although beginning with the two-year course in 1850 which was usual at that time—by 1893 all students were required to take a four-year course.

In 1903 a small Maternity Hospital was opened on Washington Avenue. The College then acquired control of a dispensary which had been established by certain of its alumnae in 1895, and in the fall of 1904 a temporary hospital pavilion adjoining the College was opened under the name of the Hospital of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. The Corner Stone of a permanent hospital was laid in 1907, and the building was completed in 1913. A clinical amphitheater was added during the session of 1910-1911. In the fall of 1914 the maternity wards were transferred to new quarters immediately adjoining the College while the former Maternity Hospital on Washington Avenue accommodated Barton Dispensary.

In 1925, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the College, the Corporation initiated a movement to secure an expansion fund for new buildings. A site of approximately 10 acres at Henry Avenue and Abbottsford Road, Falls of Schuylkill, was purchased in 1926 and in October, 1929, the erection of the first building in the expansion program was begun.

The College and Hospital activities were transferred to the new building, September 15, 1930, and Barton Dispensary was transferred to North 22nd Street. The dream of years became a reality, but two of those who had caught the vision and imparted to others something of their own courage—two who did much to help us—Dr. L. Napoleon Boston and Dr. Margaret F. Butler have been taken from us by death. By their works was their faith made manifest.

IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET F. BUTLER, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Professor of Oto-Laryngology

1906—1931

Born 1861 Died October 16, 1931

A noble woman, a fine friend, beautiful in death as in life. She

"Wrapped the draperies of
her couch about her
and lay down to pleasant dreams."

Back Row—Sophy Ksido, Ruth Warner, Saniyeh Habboub
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Internes 1931-1932

Ying Tak Chan, M. D.
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Supervisor, Pediatric Department.

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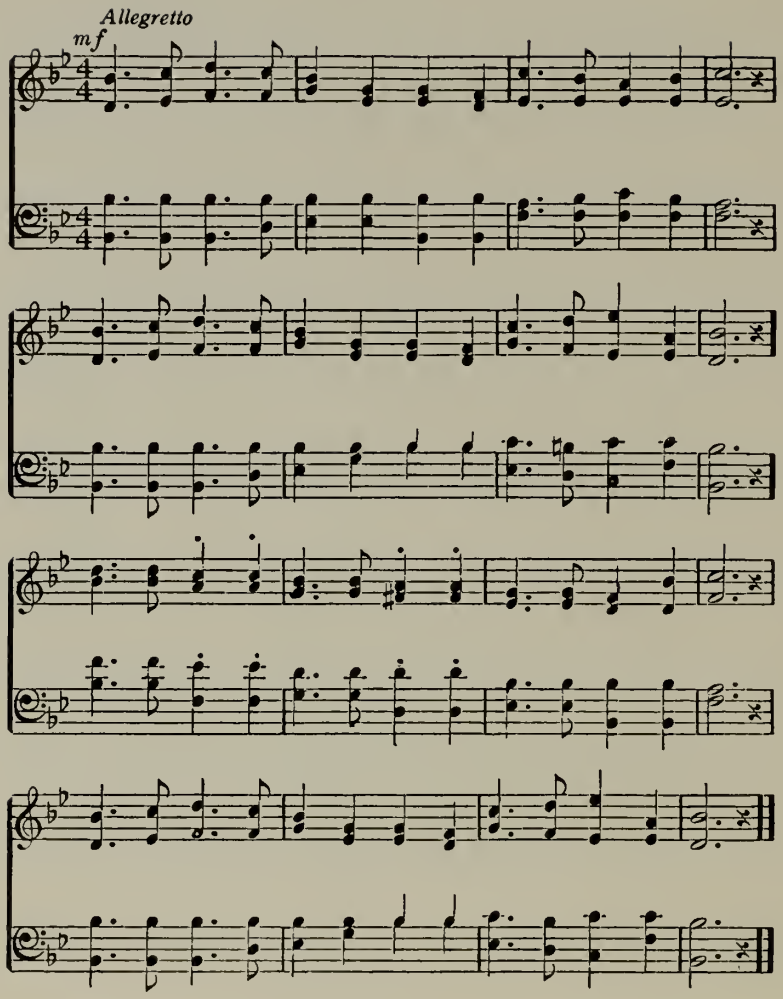

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hospital so dear,
We will strive thy name to honor
In each coming year.

We have learned the joy of service
In thy precious halls.
Bravely we'll apply the lessons
Learned within thy walls.

Thou to us art Love and Beauty,
Spirit, Truth, and Light.
For the standards thou hast taught us
We will always fight.

Chorus

Lift the chorus, speed it onward
Loud and full and free
Through the years we'll fondly cherish
Memories of thee.

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"Enter to learn, go forth to serve."

Senior Class History

WE, THE Class of 1932, entered our formidable prison August 15, 1929, somewhat dazed by our surroundings. After a famous College Hospital Stew in the main dining room we were sent to various floors where we busied ourselves scrubbing, making supplies, and keeping ourselves out of the way of those who gave us the impression that they KNEW what they were doing. That night we were the guests of honor at a watermelon party given by the Seniors and Juniors in the yard of our Seybert Street Palace.

After being duly initiated into our chosen profession, we progressed admirably in every respect. We soon answered promptly and meekly the call of our Seniors and it was not long before on October 16th at 7 A. M. we appeared stiff and white in caps, bibs, and cuffs. Can we ever forget that red-letter day when we were accepted into the training school and became full-fledged Student Nurses?

Time rolled on and at Christmas we were allowed our first over-night pass. It seemed almost too good to be true. January brought us the beginning of a long hard winter but amid Chemistry, Bacteriology, and Anatomy we lived to take our Materia Medica examination which was the last of our classes until Fall.

"What was that rumored about this Hospital closing until our new one at the Falls of the Schuylkill was ready to be occupied?" Yes, it was true and the first two weeks of July found us packing and saying our farewells to the building which had stood the test of time and had sheltered us through our probation period. On July 15th we chartered the John Wanamaker for a cruise and then Au Revoir to the old College Hospital. There were tears in our eyes as we packed and left that same night to have our well deserved vacation.

And what a happy two months that was but far too short! However we were all anxious to enter our new Hospital and the 15th of September the doors were opened to Doctors, Nurses, Medical Students, Visitors and Patients. That afternoon at two o'clock five tonsillectomies were performed in the new Operating Room Suite by the late Dr. Margaret F. Butler.

Christmas found the hospital and its work well under way, and the radio and furnishings of the Nurses' home which had been given us by Mrs. John Martin were greatly appreciated and enjoyed through the long dreary winter.

Realizing that the greatest success could only be gained by perfect organization, a meeting was called which resulted in the election of an Advisor and Class Officers. At which time we also selected our class rings.

Then came graduation for the outgoing Seniors. A party was held in their honor at the Barn Inn on the Hospital Grounds and then their Commencement Exercises on November 27th. "Good-bye, Seniors, and good luck."

Now, since we had moved up to the Senior table and were allowed to step on the elevator first we took it upon ourselves to discuss our Class Annual. Committees were appointed and the great task was undertaken. Finally our "Womecho" went to press.

The three happiest years of our lives have come to an end. Will we travel the highway of life successfully?

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JESSIE FINDLER

Whitehorse — New Jersey

"She smiles and then bursts into song—
And we know our Jessie's coming along
She's full of pep and go
There's nothing about her that's dry or slow."

WILHELMINA GARDNER

Princeton New Jersey

"Nothing perturbs her sunny disposition."

DAISY M. MYERS

Lewistown Pennsylvania

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ELVA A. PHILSON

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

"Phil doesn't bother anyone
She minds her own affairs.
She has a method all her own
And doesn't put on airs."

PAULINE ROBERTS

Bahama — North Carolina

"With eyes uplifted to some distant crown, she climbs to nobler knowledge."

THERESA M. RUBLE

Hazelton Pennsylvania

"I live for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true
To help them in their troubles
And start them out anew."

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Upon leaving the training school of the Hospital of the Woman's Medical College, we find it deemed necessary to make several bequeaths:—

Whereupon we have affixed our signature this Twenty-first day of November in the year of our Lord 1932.

Bitner's jolly disposition to Ann Floreck.

Findler's poise to Hollenberger.

Lambie's babbling to DeMatteo.

Cardwell's hobby of collecting skulls to Reyner.

Bentley's musical ability to Wright.

Harp's innocence to Pilling.

Lynnie's clever ideas to De Puy.

Philson's knowledge of marriage and divorce problems to Reifsnyder.

Ruble's power over men to Moore.

De Jacma's authority on the latest Parisian models to Betty Stiles.

Gardner's dream castles to Hoy.

Myer's eyelashes to Weatherby.

Robert's vocabulary to Mendegro.

I. O. DINE
FLORA SCOPE

Horoscope

Name	*Otherwise*	*Afflicted With*	*General Impression*	*Probable Destiny*
Kathryn Bitner	Bitty	Love	Jolly	Driving Instructress
Jessie Findler	Jess	Nonsense	Straight Forward	Crosby's Runner-up
Betty Lamb	Lambie	Meekness	Competent	Selling Apples
Dorothy Cardwell	Cardie	Sarcasm	Candid	Piano Tuner
Ethel Bentley	Benny	Procrastination	Mannish	Solving India's Aviation Problem
Nancy Harp	Nance	Hay-Fever	Innocent (?)	Reporter on "Town Tattler"
Mildred Lynn	Lynnie	Bashfulness	Dignified	Prominent Clubwoman
Elva Philson	Phil	Reminiscing	Gingerly	Dog-Catcher
Tessie Ruble	T. M.	Argumentation	Clamorous	Pride of Her Family
Dorothy DeJacma	Jackie	Femininity	Creative	Greta Garbo's Successor
W. Gardner	Billie	Joe-Itis	Happy-Go-Lucky	Somebody's (?) Wife
Daisy Myers	Myers	Dashing Manner	Dependable	A Poet's Inspiration
Pauline Roberts	Roberts	Gray Matter	Trustworthy	Hospital Executive

Prophecy

—AND now, folks, radio friends, please stand by for station announcements—Our program continues with the Last Minute News Flashes of today. Time 6.41 A. M. Gee! Gosh! Late again! Well, folks, no time for excuses, says our station advisor, Miss Phinney. This is Station B-L-A-H. D. DeJacma announcing:

Well, well, the broadcast for today is quite interesting; especially interesting for those whose Alma Mater is the dear old W. C. H. Ha! Here is an article—listen, folks, it reads—Ethel Bentley, former nurse, excels Amelia Earhart—spans Atlantic Ocean in record time — wins world-wide ovation — and is receiving a hearty welcome from the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who are now touring Paris, France. Mrs. Johnson, the erstwhile Kathryn Bitner, better known among her friends as Bittie, it seems would rather have her own nursery than one in her Alma Mater. Miss Bentley will join Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on their visit to India where Miss Betty Lamb, former president of the W. C. H. '32 Class is doing her bit among the Hindus—It is rumored she acquired her enthusiasm for such work after reading the book "Good Earth."

And now, folks, as I glance upon the front page I find this amusing article—Miss Dorothy Cardwell retires to seclusion in an unknown spot in New Jersey—has a cozy one room affair where a parrot and a monkey calmly enjoy the melodious strains of "My Buddy," played alternately on the piano, pipe organ and victrola, which it states, goes to make up the almost complete layout of "the affair." My dear, it must be unique. It also adds that the neighboring Mrs. X., formerly Miss Billie Gardner, hangs her weekly wash to the rhythm of the melodious zephyrs that come her way. Mrs. X. once refused a contract with the Palmolive Soap Co. She said she acquired her school girl complexion using good old W. C. H. Ivory.

What! Well, folks, lend an ear—Reports state that Miss Daisie Myers was last seen boarding her private yacht to spend a few days seeking oyster beds in the Pacific Ocean. She says, "You need oysters to make oyster stew," and she is after them.

My, my—do you know that witty, merry making Jessie Findler? Well paper men say she just arrived in an Austin out in Oakland, California:—and the country girl makes good! Yep! Night Supervisor in the California Babies Hospital. "The more the merrier" is her motto.

And now for the X-Ray flashes from overseas. T. M. Ruble opens her own X-Ray Department—B U T—deserts it to join "The Ziegfeld Steppers" in "That Graduating Feeling." It is also rumored that Ruble may give up all this to enter a Convent, but this statement is not authentic.

Ah! a bit more wisdom to the wise—Headlines state that Miss Nancy Harp has been offered Boake Carter's position as "Globe Trotter and News Reporter." Harpie as her friends know her has all the traits and abilities to carry on the good work as the Globe Trotter, having had her start in trotting the five corridors of W. C. H. and putting before one's eyes and ears the happenings of the moment.

Here's one, folks, Nurse takes course in Telegraphy—Miss Mildred Lynn, quite a concientious maiden decided to learn more about the modern dial phones so she is enrolling at the Bell Telephone Company to take such a course. She says she is progressing and thinks it great fun.

It is almost time to sign off but just a few more words—"Girl from big city establishes private hospital in a little unknown country place." Elva Philson, better known as Phil intends to bravely carry on the Operating Room responsibilities. A second Florence Nightingale, folks.

And now for the article that ends our daily broadcast—Miss Pauline Roberts, who helped to uphold the dignity of the Class of '32, is to take a position as Directress of Nurses in the new Naval Hospital now under construction in the city. Until the new hospital is completed Miss Roberts will assist in teaching ethics to the Student Nurses.

The Daily Psalm

The world grows better year by year,
Because some nurse in her little sphere
Puts on her apron, smiles and sings,
And keeps on doing the same old things.

Taking the temperatures, giving the pills
To remedy mankind's numberless ills,
Feeding the baby, answering bells:
Being the bossed one, tho' the heart rebels.

Taking the blame for others' mistakes;
Dear, what a lot of patience it takes.
Going off duty at seven o'clock—
Tired, discouraged, ready to drop.

But called back to special at seven-fifteen,
With woe in her heart, but it must not be seen.
Morning, evening, moontide and night,
Working to give a service just right.

Longing for home and all the while
Wearing the same contented smile.
Blessing the new-born babe's first breath,
Closing the eyes that are stilled in death.

When we lay our caps down and cross the bar,
Oh, Lord, will You give us just one little star
To wear in the crown of the uniform new
In the city above, where the Head Nurse is You.

JUNIORS

Back Row—Jane McNabb, Florean Hollenberger, Elizabeth Wright,
Emma Findler, Catherine Ruggier, R.N., Class Advisor
Front Row—Anna Mendegro, Betty Stiles, Adele Weatherby

The Class of 1933

OFFICERS

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Advisor—Catherine Ruggier, R.N.

Vice-President—Florean Hollenberger *Secretary-Treasurer*—Betty Stiles

Class Flower—Crimson Rose *Class Colors*—Maroon and Gray

WE, THE class of 1933, were honored by being the first class to enter training in the new hospital, October 1, 1930.

The hospital was running smoothly, still each head nurse thought we "Probies" should go through the "scrubbing age," so we meekly moved from floor to floor, scrubbing and polishing.

Our Seniors were only too glad to show us how to do various small duties. We were then summoned to the class room and taught by Miss Phinney. How hard those corners were to make (and still are).

Very soon our worst troubles started—Anatomy, Drugs and Solutions (those problems), Chemistry, etc. Some of our classmates found Anatomy too much for them and went sadly home to Mother, greatly diminishing our class number.

On November 15th (will we ever forget that night) the Seniors and Juniors gave a much belated Hallowe'en party in our honor, which was greatly enjoyed.

December 1st, that "Red Letter" day, when we were called to the office and wonders! we were no longer "just probies" but were "Capped Nurses."

Then we were allowed our late permits each month and "were we happy?"

Then Christmas and Home—the Christmas party and the tree in the Nurses' Home for those who were unable to go home.

May 12th was a very impressive day for us. We dressed in our best bibs and aprons and attended our first "Florence Nightingale Memorial Service." This was a beautiful service and those of us who were just a little weary of our troubles rededicated our selves to our profession.

Then merrily on to June, the vacation month.

Then September, classes again and more "Probies."

October 1st and we were Juniors.

In November—Commencement with a party for the outgoing Seniors.

With classes and our work, winter and spring soon passed and vacations are here again. We are fast becoming Seniors and it is with heavy hearts we see our "honored Seniors" and dear friends leave. Good luck, Seniors. May we carry on the work successfully.

Junior Class

Anna Mendegro

Betty Stiles

Adele Weatherby

Jane McNabb

Florean Hollenberger

Elizabeth Wright

Emma Findler

Catherine Ruggier, R. N.

Class Advisor

FIRST YEAR

Back Row—Beatrice Swinburne, Mary Butler, Kathryn Moore, Ella Dunlap, Grace Evans, Monica Maguire, Kathryn Reyner
Front Row—Mary Roy, Anne Floreck, Kathryn De Matteo, Gertrude McCormick, R.N., Class Advisor, Frances De Puy,
Elizabeth Reifsnyder

First Year Class

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Anne Floreck

Kathryn De Matteo

Frances De Pry

Elizabeth Reifsnyder

Beatrice Swinburne

Mary Butler

Kathryn Moore

Ella Jane Dunlap

Grace Evans

Monica Maguire

Kathryn Reyner

Pat'line Chodeck

Anne Fender

Myrtle Pilling

Gertrude McCormick, R. N.

Class Advisor

Humor

Miss Lamb:—"What on earth are you doing with that pill, Billy?"

Billy:—"Well, you see, Dr. Habbout told me to take one pill three times a day, and I'm just trying to break the pill in three parts."

Crabby Pt.:—"Are you a trained nurse?"

Jess Findler:—"Why, certainly I am."

Crabby Pt.:—"Then let's see you do some tricks."

A man once visited a strange cemetery and ran across the following epitaph on a tombstone:

"Remember, friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so, once was I.
As I am now, you soon will be;
Prepare for death and follow me."

The visitor quickly removed his pencil from his pocket and added the following inscription:

Dear friend, ere I would be content
I'd like to know which way you went.

Bitner:—"Dear, tomorrow is our first wedding anniversary. Shall I kill the turkey?"

Bill:—"No, let him live. He didn't have anything to do with it."

'Twas in a restaurant they met
Romeo and Juliette,
'Twas there he first fell into debt
For Romeo-d what Juli-ette.

Pt.:—"This towel is so small I can't dry myself properly on it."

Gardner:—"Well, can't you use less water?"

Cardy:—"I just heard your boy friend was an undertaker. I thought you said he was a doctor?"

Hollenberger:—"No, indeed, I said he followed the medical profession."

Myers:—"I'm glad I wasn't born in Italy."

Ruble:—"Why?"

Myers:—"Because I can't speak Italian!"

John Finnegan:—"I never thought I would pull through. First I got Anginapectoris, followed by Arteriosclerosis. Just as I was recovering from these, I got tuberculosis and aphasia."

Mother Thomas:—"Great guns, John, you don't look much the worse for it."

John:—"I wasn't ill, you nut, I was in a spelling contest."

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